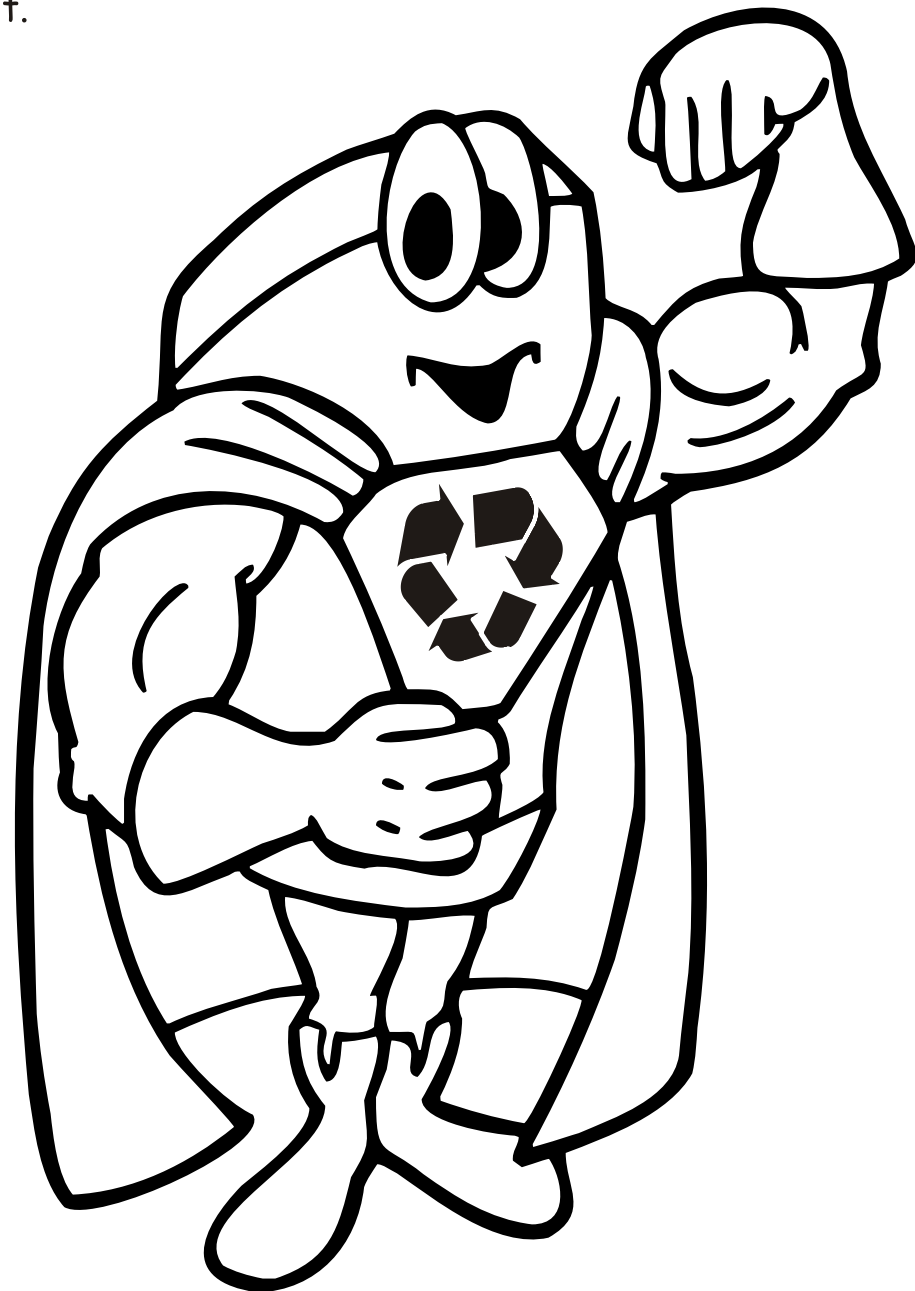
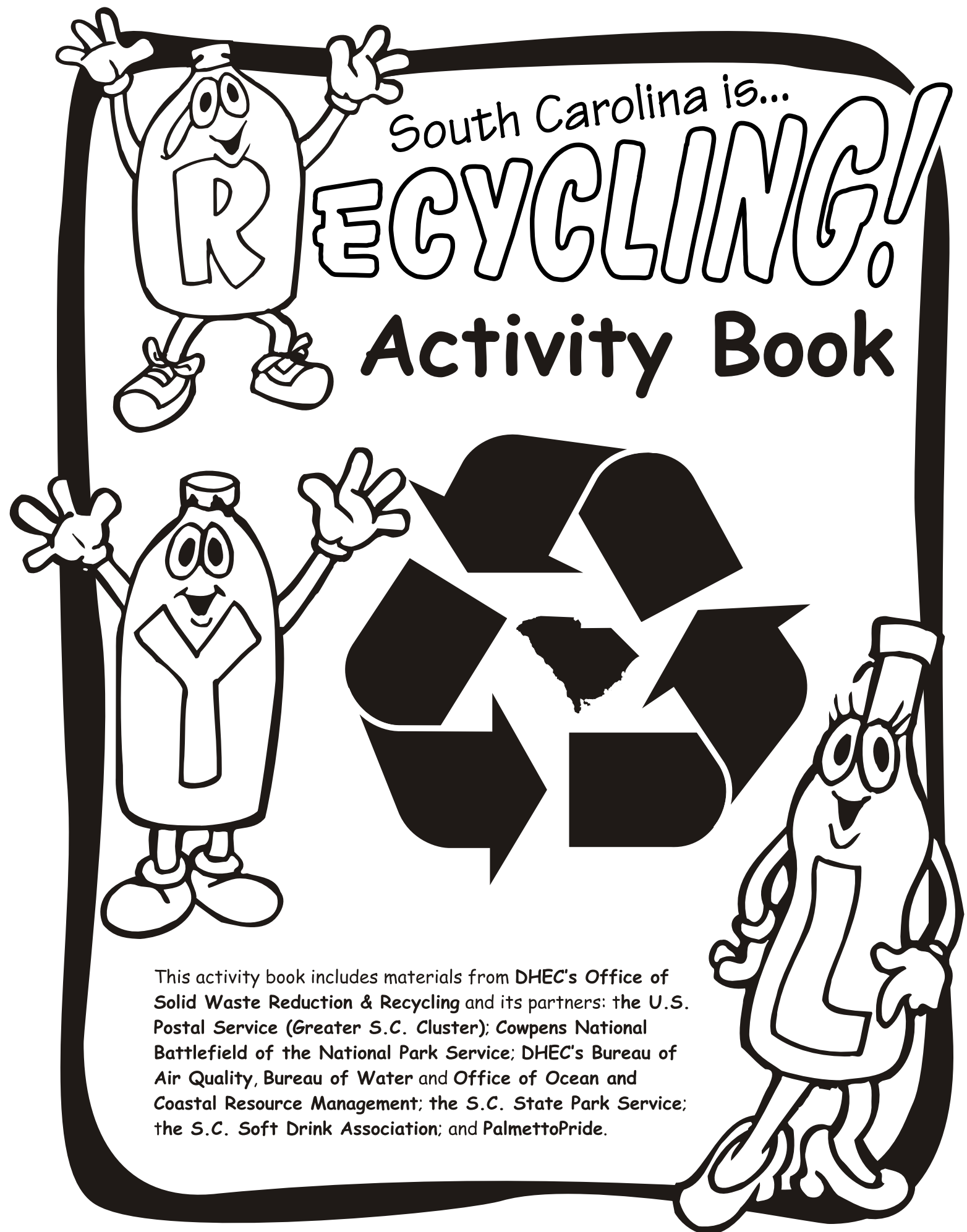


You Can Be A Recycling Superhero!

Recycle. Recycle at home and at school. If you don't have a recycling program at your school, start one. If you have one, improve it.



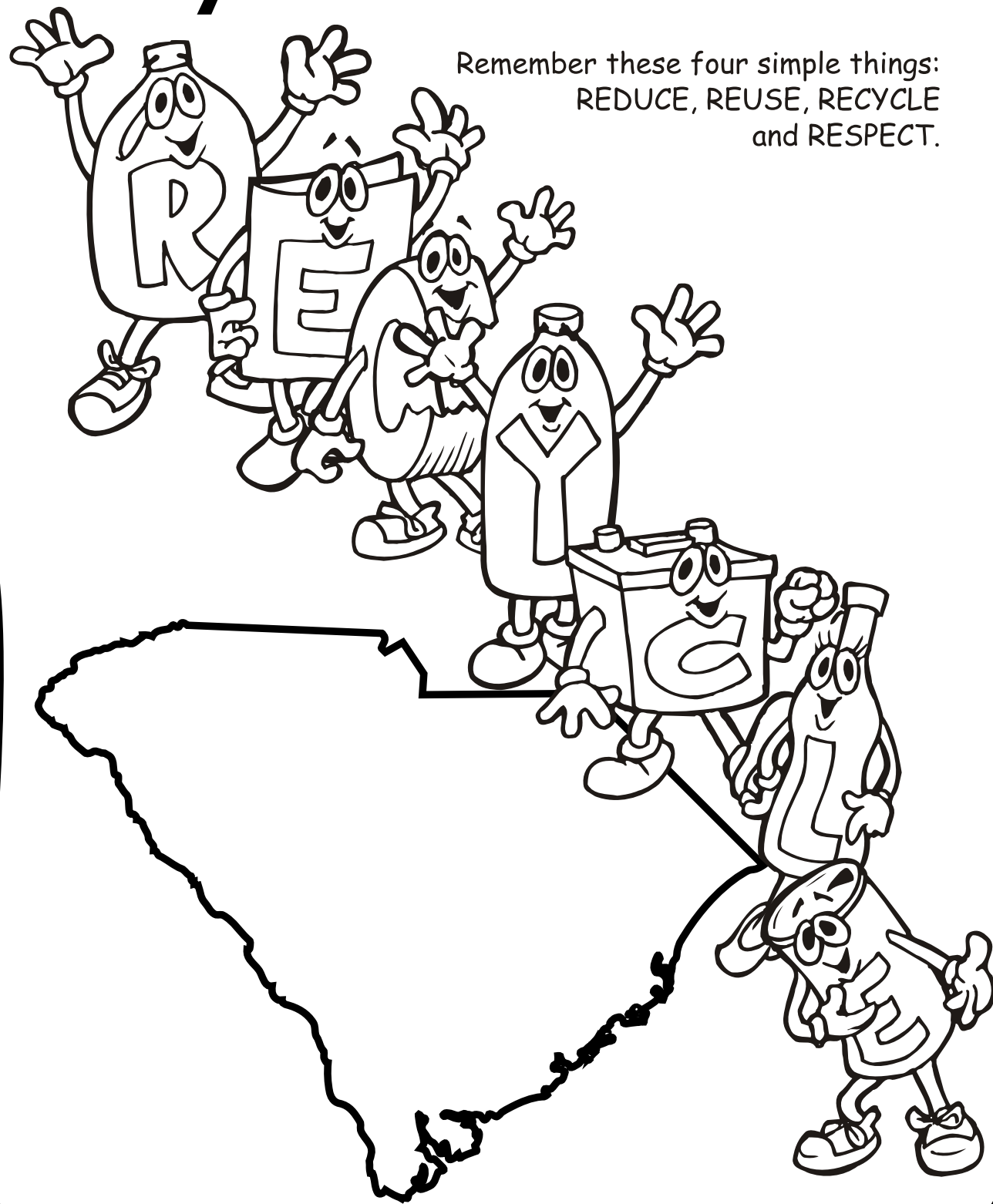
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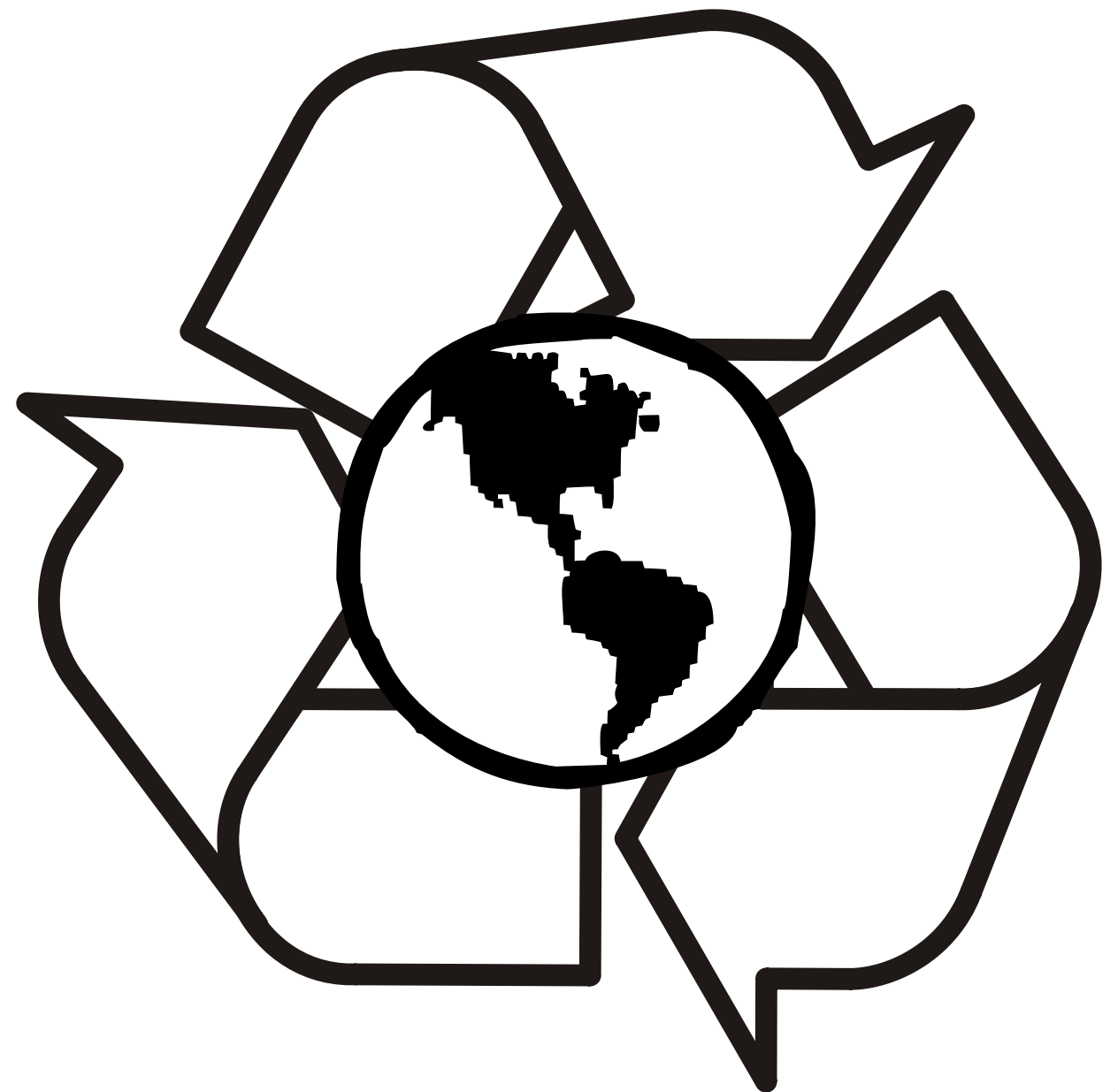
Recycle South Carolina!

Remember these four simple things:
REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE
and RESPECT.



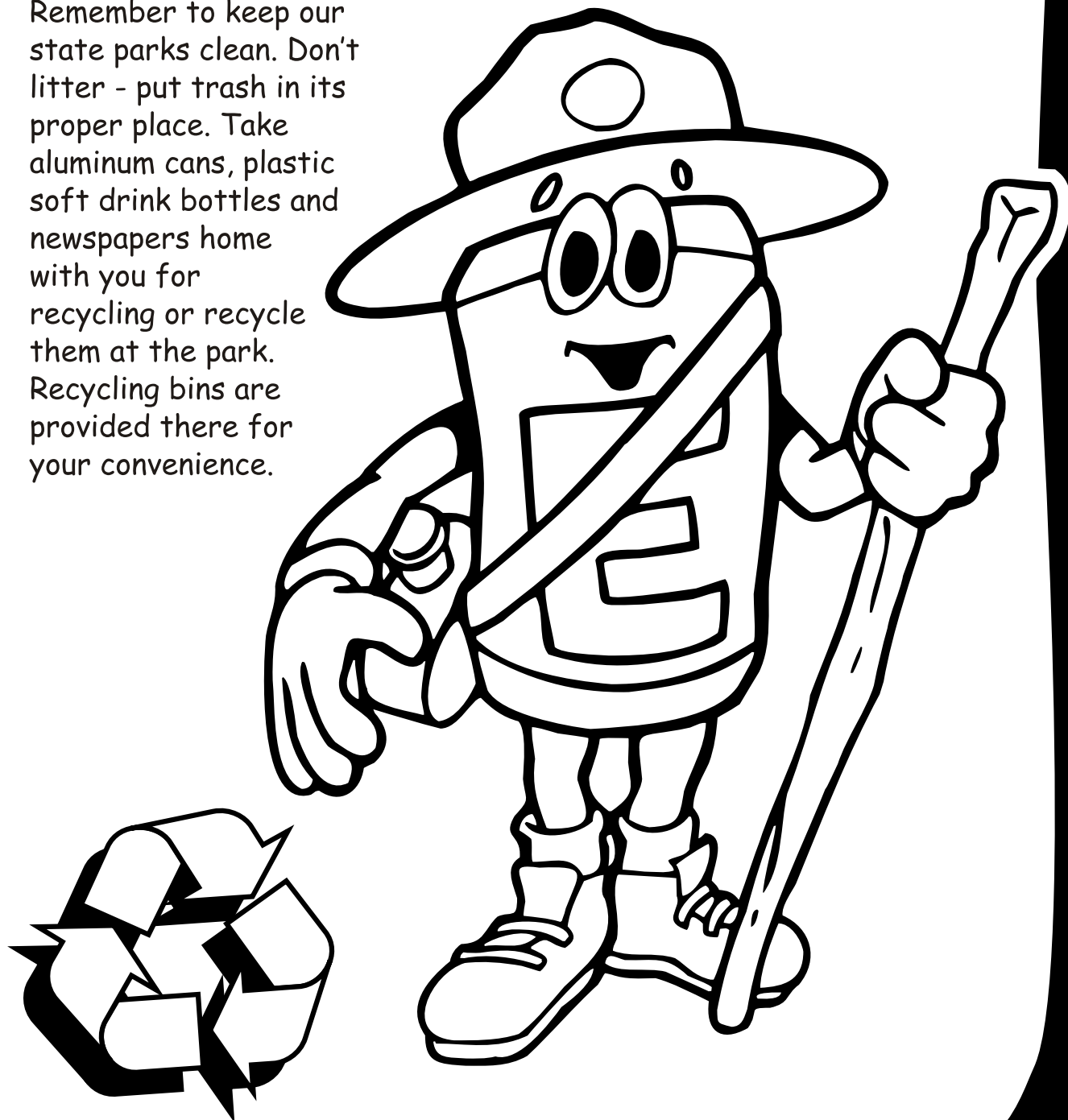
Celebrate Earth Day!

Earth Day is celebrated every April 22nd to show us how we can keep the air clean, conserve water, protect endangered wildlife, save natural resources and protect our environment. Find out how you can participate in your community. Information is available on-line at www.scdhec.gov/earthtoday.








South Carolina State Parks Recycle!

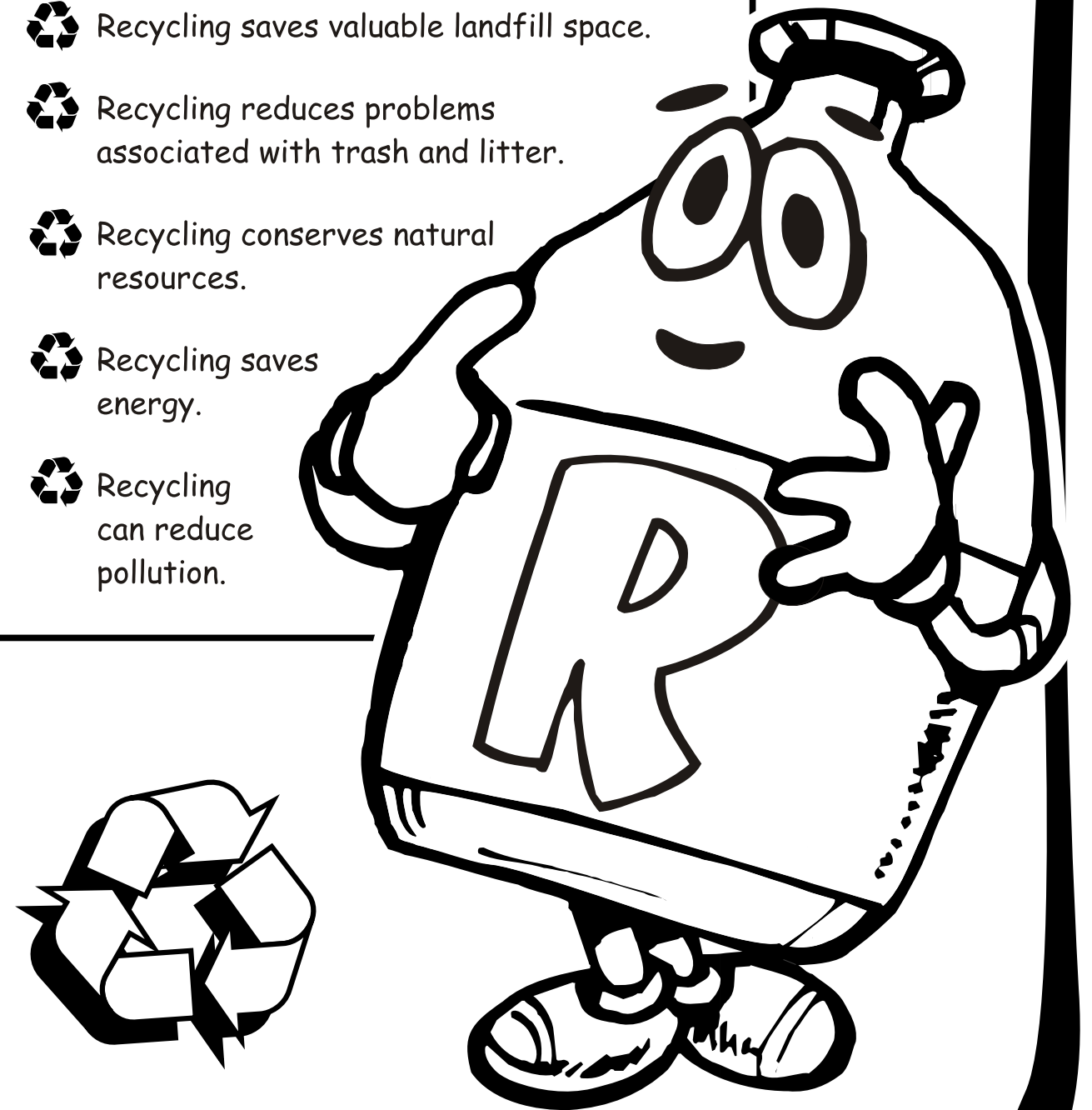
Remember to keep our state parks clean. Don't litter - put trash in its proper place. Take aluminum cans, plastic soft drink bottles and newspapers home with you for recycling or recycle them at the park. Recycling bins are provided there for your convenience.



Why Recycle?

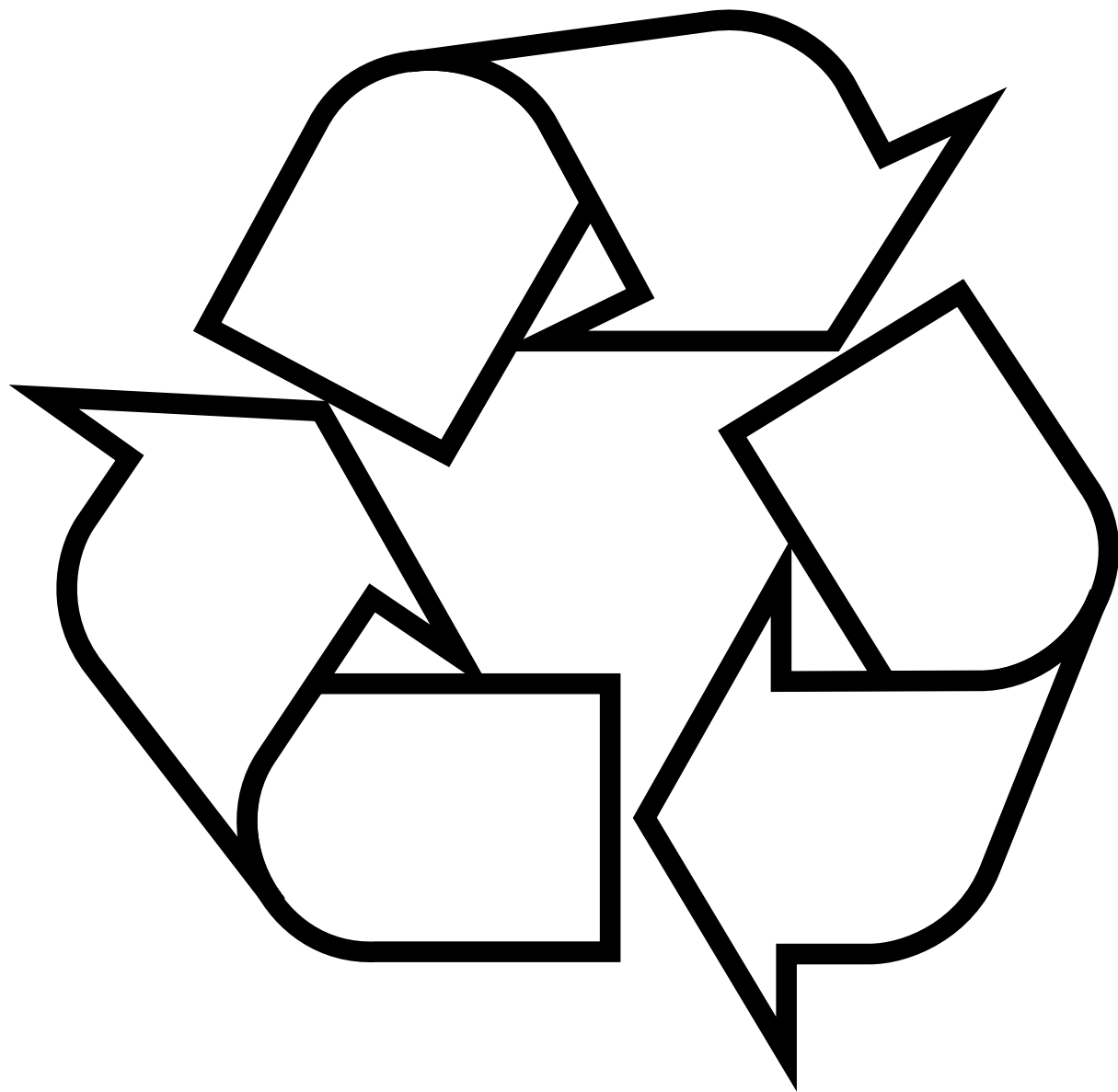
Here are a few good reasons.

-  Recycling saves valuable landfill space.
-  Recycling reduces problems associated with trash and litter.
-  Recycling conserves natural resources.
-  Recycling saves energy.
-  Recycling can reduce pollution.



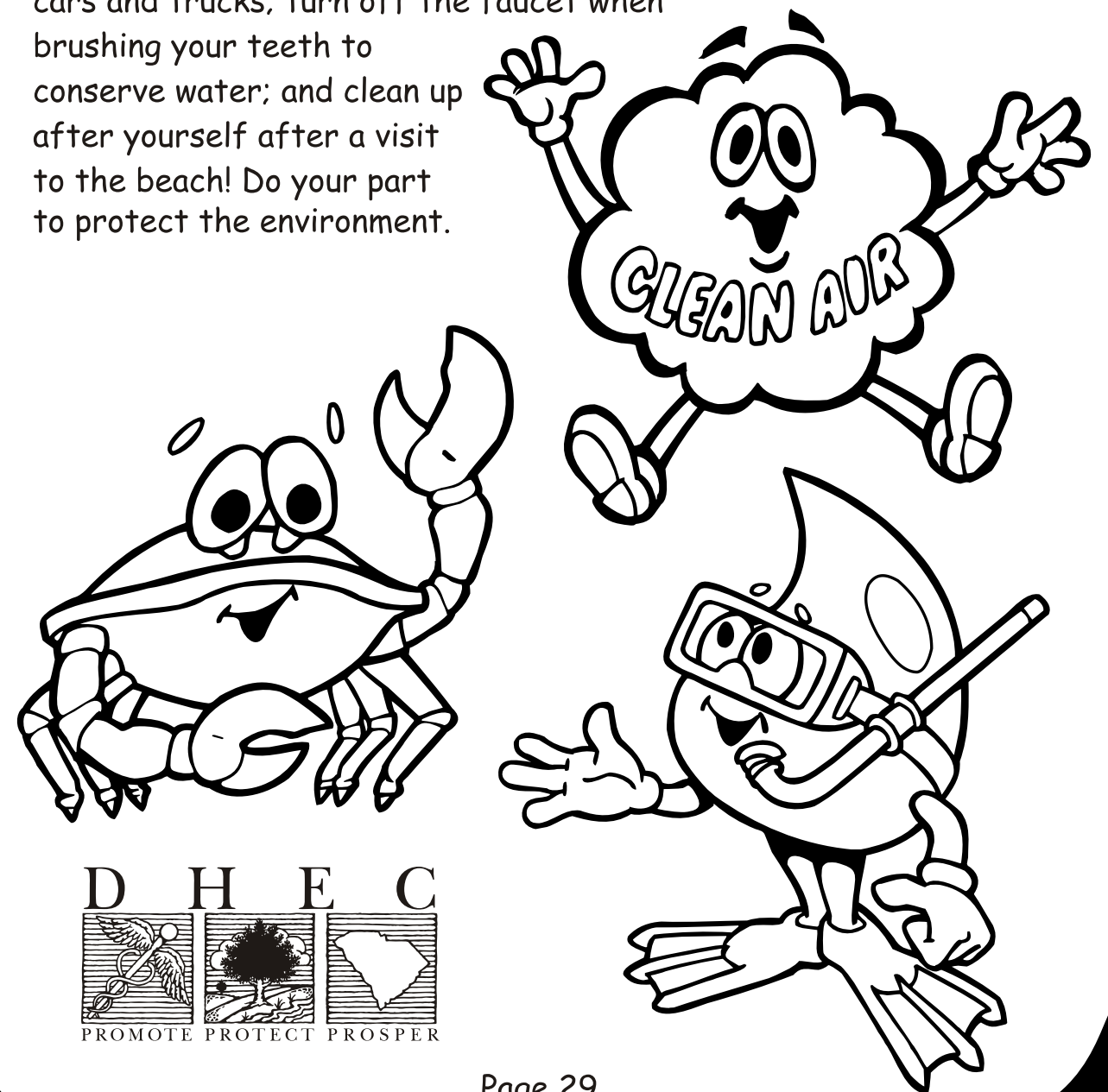
The Recycle Symbol

Products with this symbol may be recycled in your home town.



Protect South Carolina's Environment!

The Clean Air Kid, Splash and Curtis the Crab are part of a team that reminds everyone to protect South Carolina's environment. Ride your bike or walk to nearby places to reduce air pollution from cars and trucks; turn off the faucet when brushing your teeth to conserve water; and clean up after yourself after a visit to the beach! Do your part to protect the environment.



Recycle Single-Serve Soft Drink Bottles!

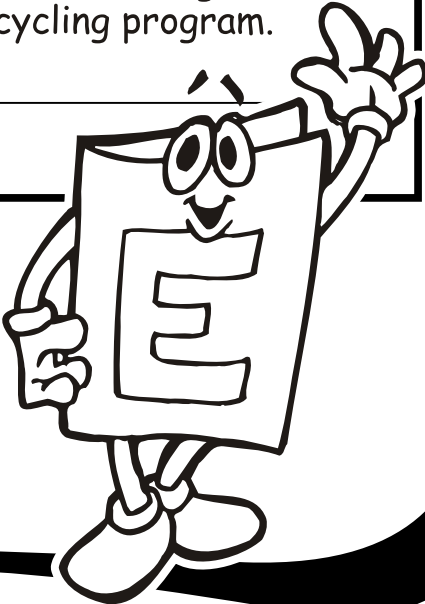
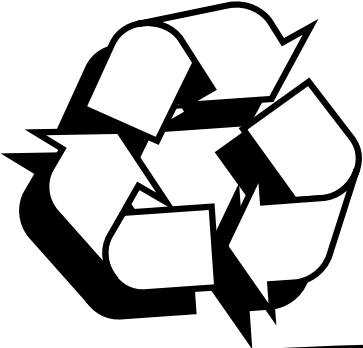
Remember to recycle your single-serve (12-, 16- and 20-ounce) soft drink containers. Take them home with you to recycle when you stop by the convenience store for a cold drink.



Did You Know...

Many items can be recycled. Don't toss these items in the trash. Recycle instead!

Items to recycle...	What to do...
Aluminum cans	Rinse & crush.
Steel cans	Rinse & flatten.
Newspaper & glossy advertising inserts	Stack in a pile.
Green, brown & clear glass	Remove lids, rinse & separate by color.
Plastic soft drink bottles & milk jugs	Remove lids, rinse & flatten.
Paper & plastic bags	Use them again or return them to the grocery store where you bought them. If they don't recycle, ask the manager to start a recycling program.
Corrugated cardboard	Flatten.

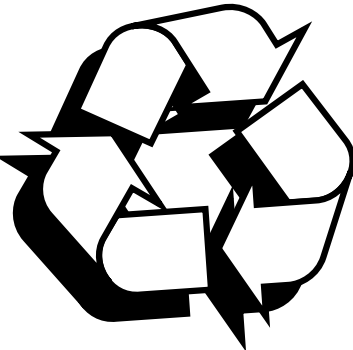


JUMBLE!

The following items can be recycled.
Can you unscramble them? The
answers are listed below.

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- CTAPLIS AGSB _____
- LMKI GUSJ _____
- PAWESNP RE _____
- UMNUIMAL _____
- ARC ARTESBTIE _____
- BDORAAACDR _____
- ESELT _____
- AEPRP SBGA _____
- GSASL _____
- ILO _____

ANSWERS: PLASTIC BOTTLES, PLASTIC BAGS, MILK JUGS, NEWSPAPER,
ALUMINUM, CAR BATTERIES, CARDBOARD, STEEL, PAPER BAGS, GLASS, OIL



Recycle Cowpens!

Cowpens National Battlefield collects aluminum
cans and plastic bottles from visitors to their
park. Find out more about their "Parks As
Classrooms" Curriculum Supplement and
other educational opportunities on-line at
www.nps.gov/cowp/PAC.htm.



What Can You Recycle?

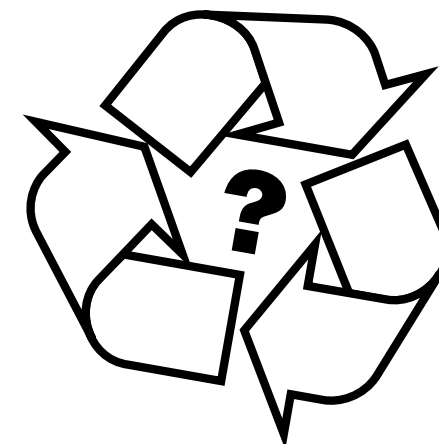
Which items below can be recycled? Draw a line from the correct items to the recycling bin.



Which Ones to Recycle?

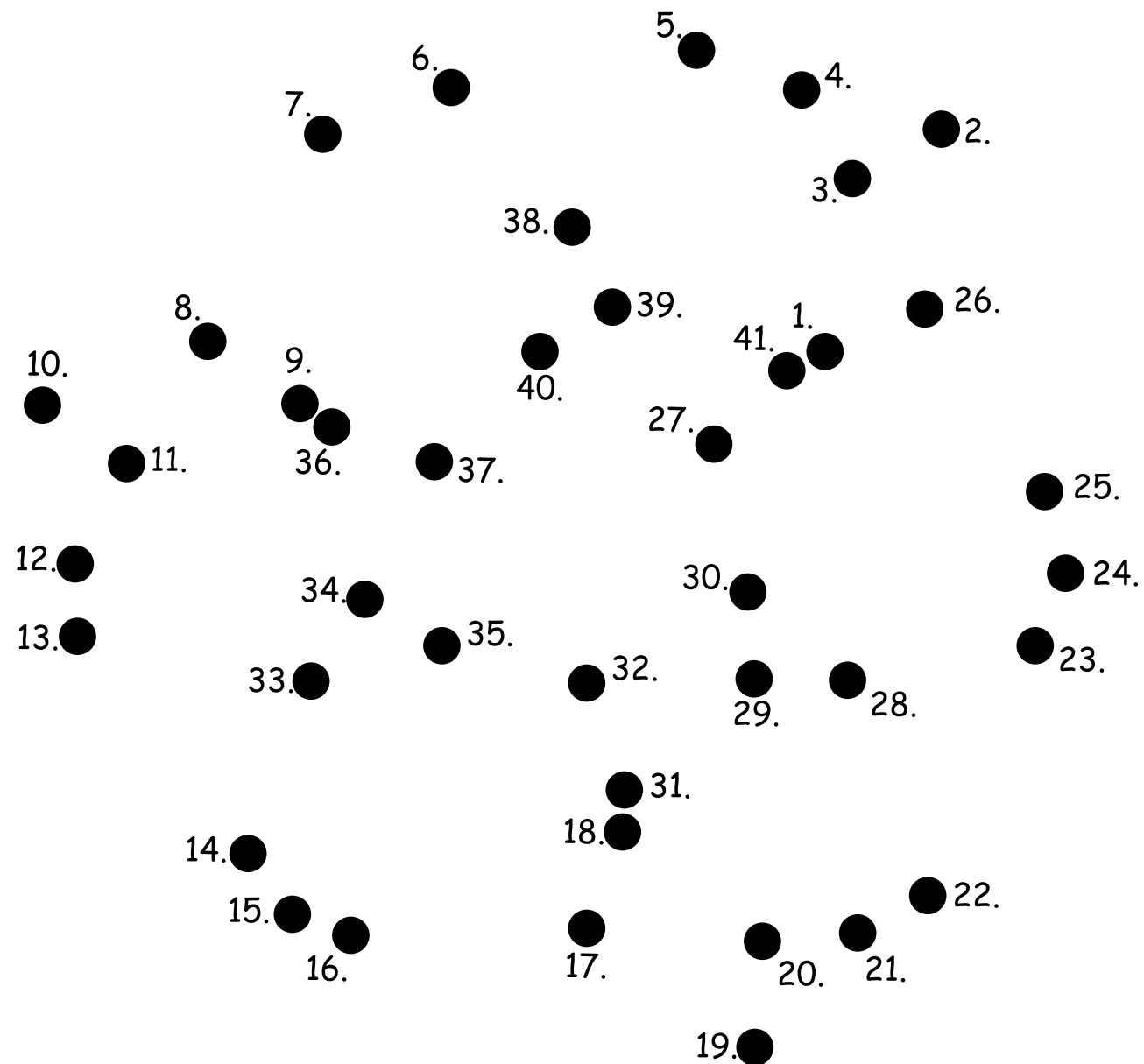
Many of these items can be recycled. Which ones can be recycled in your community?

- ☐ Clear glass
- ☐ Plastic bottles
- ☐ Cereal boxes
- ☐ Plates
- ☐ Brown paper bags
- ☐ Brown glass
- ☐ Aluminum foil
- ☐ Milk cartons
- ☐ Motor oil
- ☐ Steel cans
- ☐ Car batteries
- ☐ Tires
- ☐ Plastic bags



Connect the Dots!

Connect the dots and a familiar image will appear!



The Recycle Guys

The Recycle Guys are everywhere! They remind everyone to reduce, reuse and recycle. Look for them on TV, on the radio, in newspapers and on billboards. "R-E-C-Y-C-L-E! It begins with you and me!"









Recycling Reduces Litter!

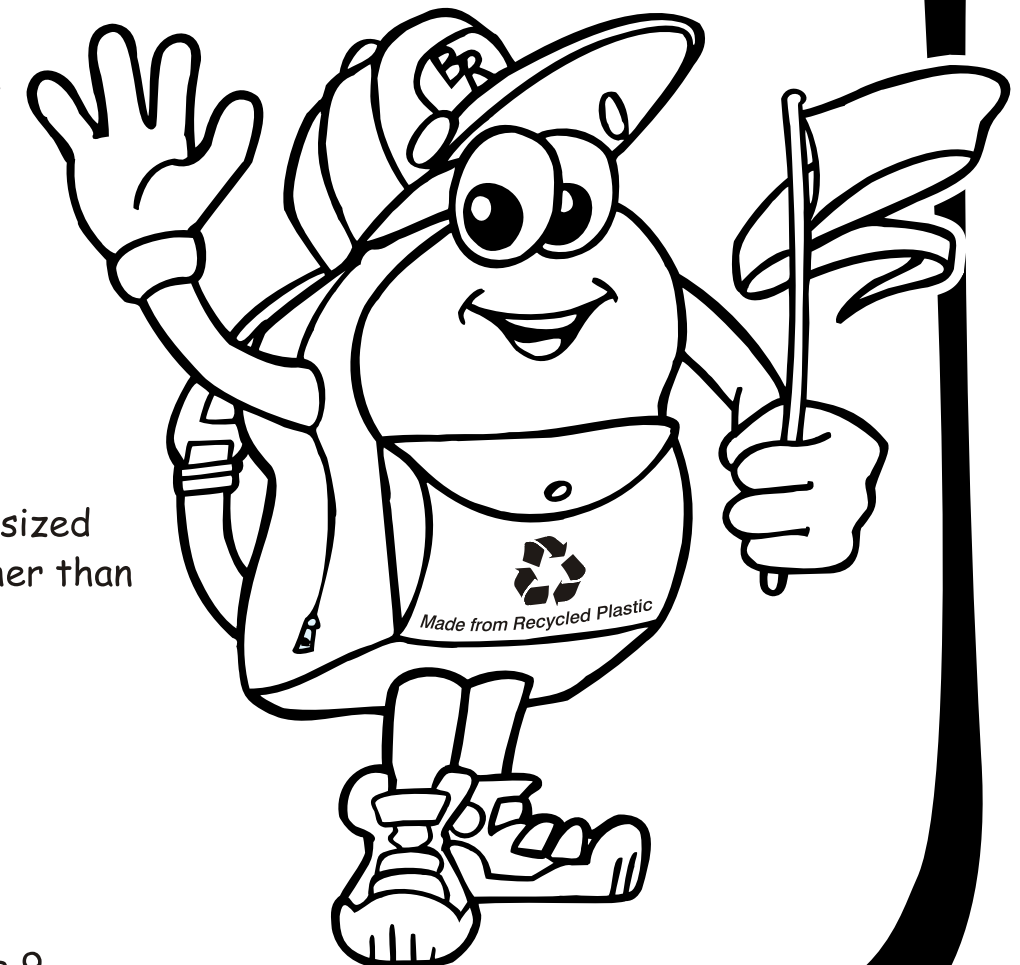
Litter trashes the environment. Make sure that litter is recycled or thrown away in the right place. Clean up your neighborhood!



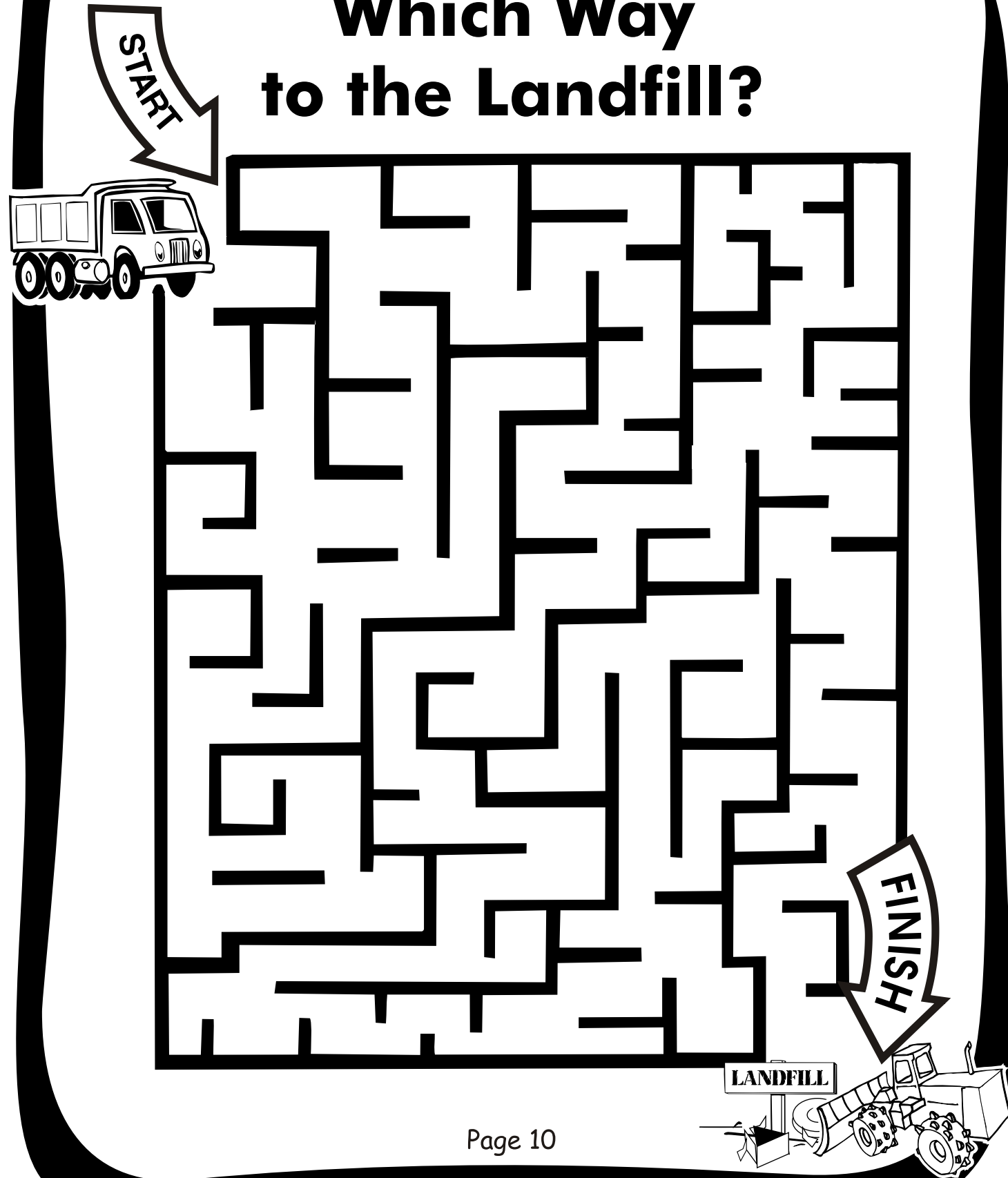
Buy Recycled!

You can reduce the amount of waste going into landfills and help protect the environment by doing some simple things.

-  Buy school supplies made from recycled materials. Backpacks and rulers are made from recycled plastic. Pencils and paper are made from recycled newspaper and cardboard. What items do you use at school made from recycled materials?
-  Take your own canvas bag when you go shopping instead of using a paper or plastic bag.
-  If you buy one or two things, tell the cashier you don't need a bag.
-  Buy batteries that can be recharged.
-  Buy products packaged in recyclable containers.
-  Buy economy-sized products rather than smaller ones.

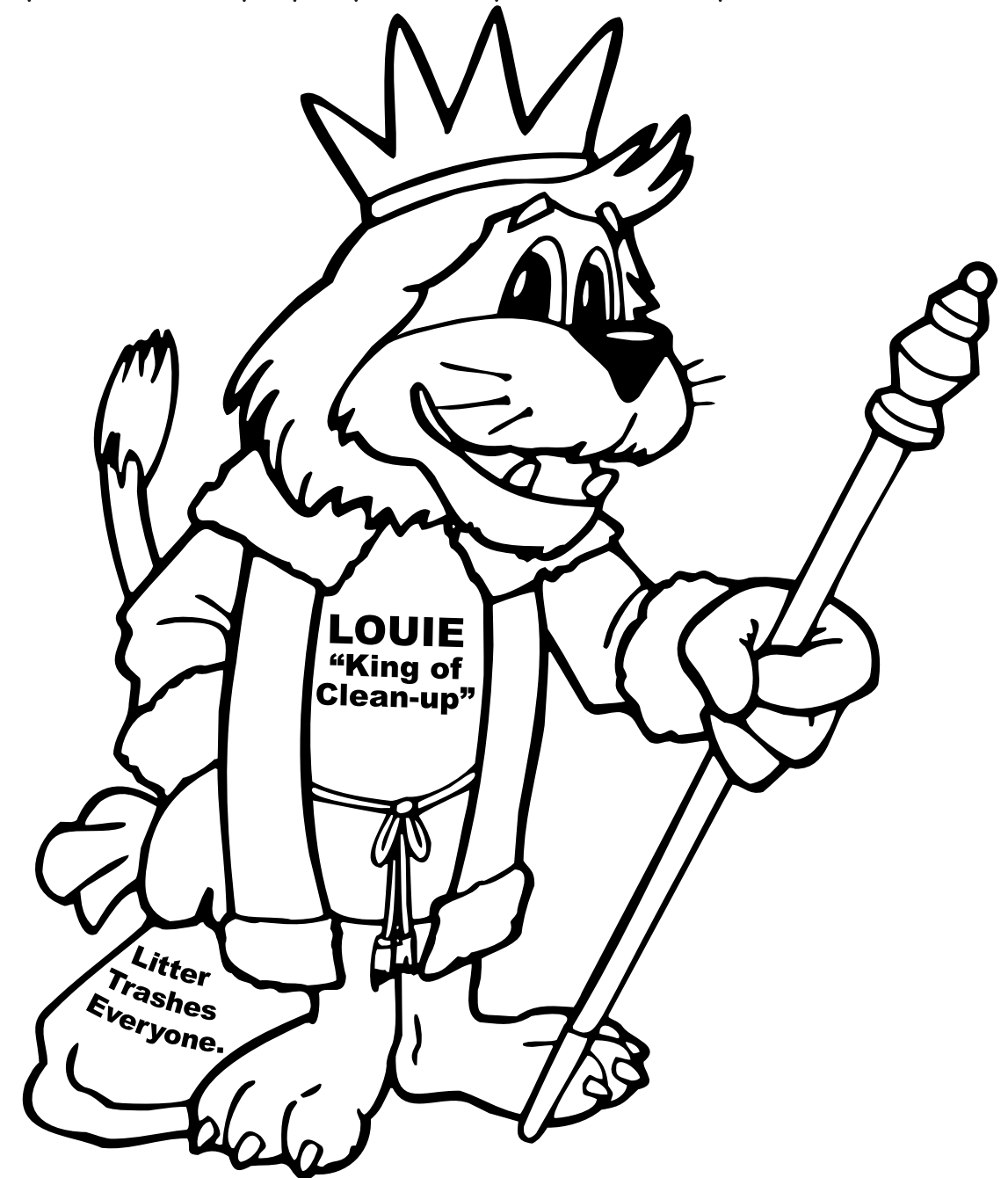


Which Way to the Landfill?



Meet Louie the Lion!

Louie the Lion reminds everyone not to litter in South Carolina.
Dispose of trash properly and recycle whenever possible.

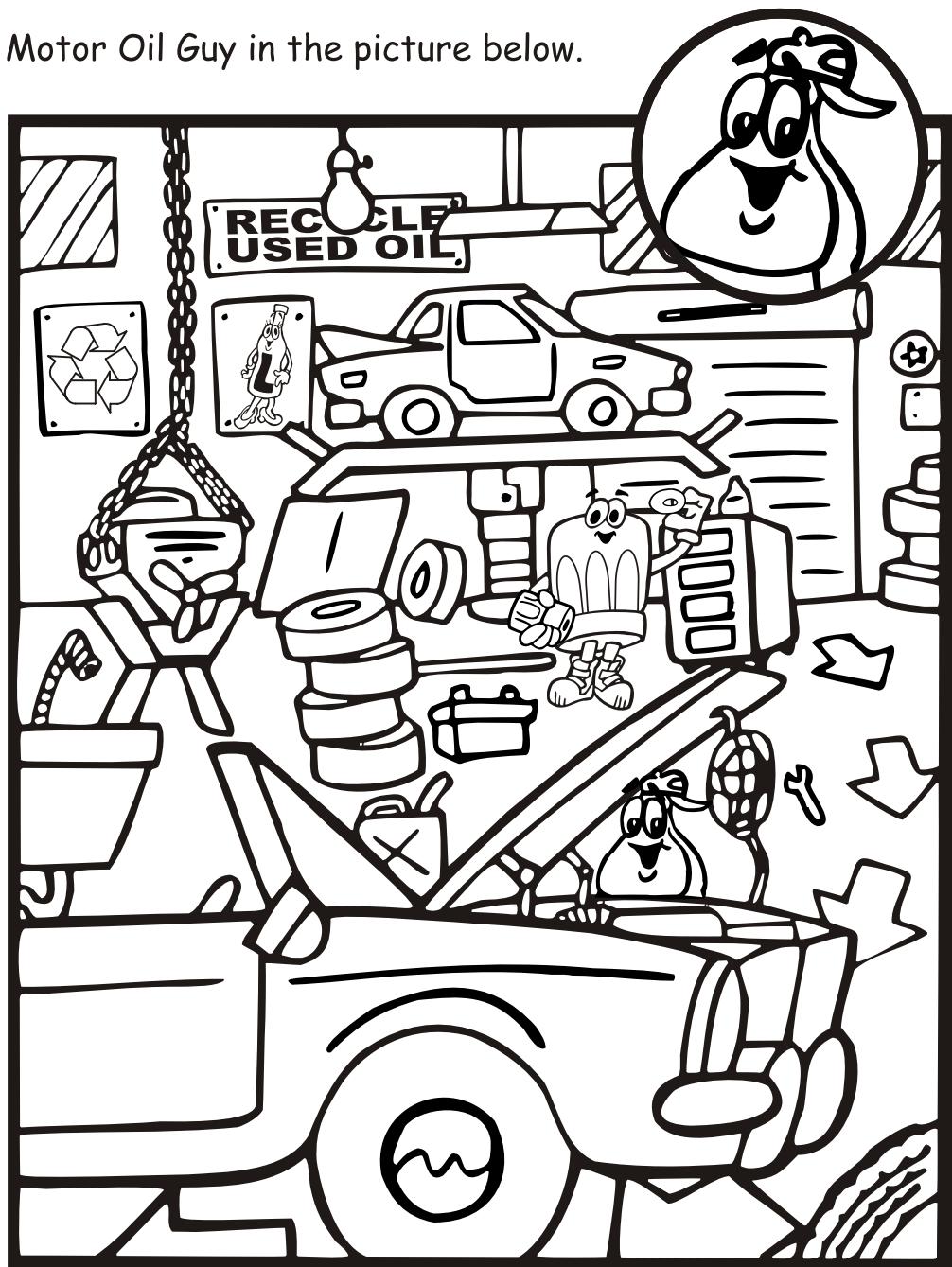


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Find Motor Oil Guy!

Did you know that one gallon of used motor oil can pollute more than 1 million gallons of drinking water? That's one reason it's so important to recycle used motor oil.

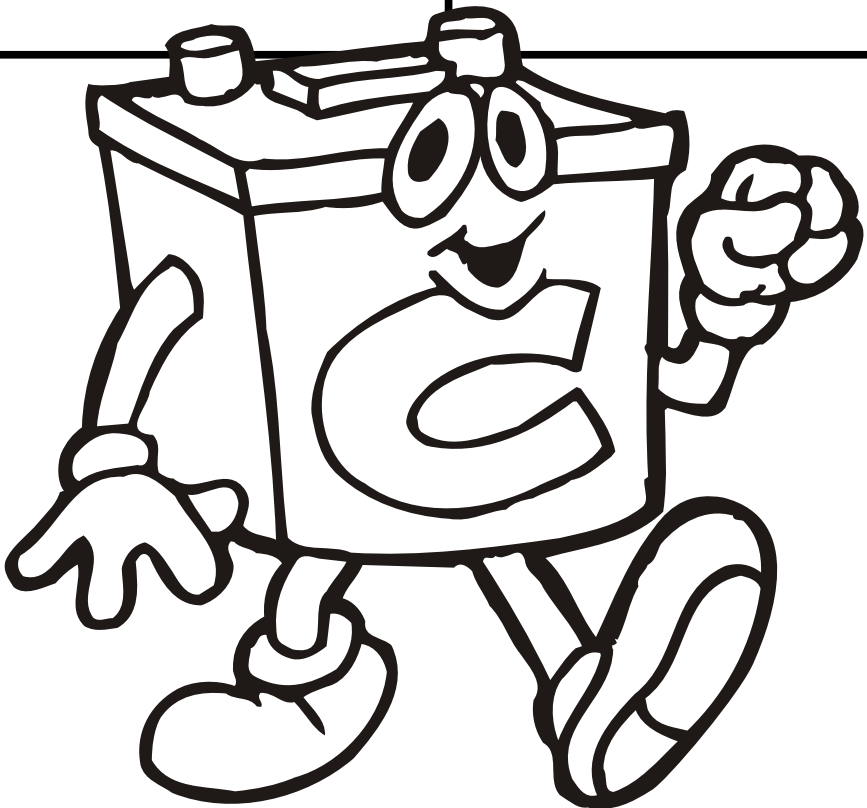
Find Motor Oil Guy in the picture below.



Recycled Materials






Recycled materials are used to make all kinds of things. Look below to see what is made from the things you recycle.

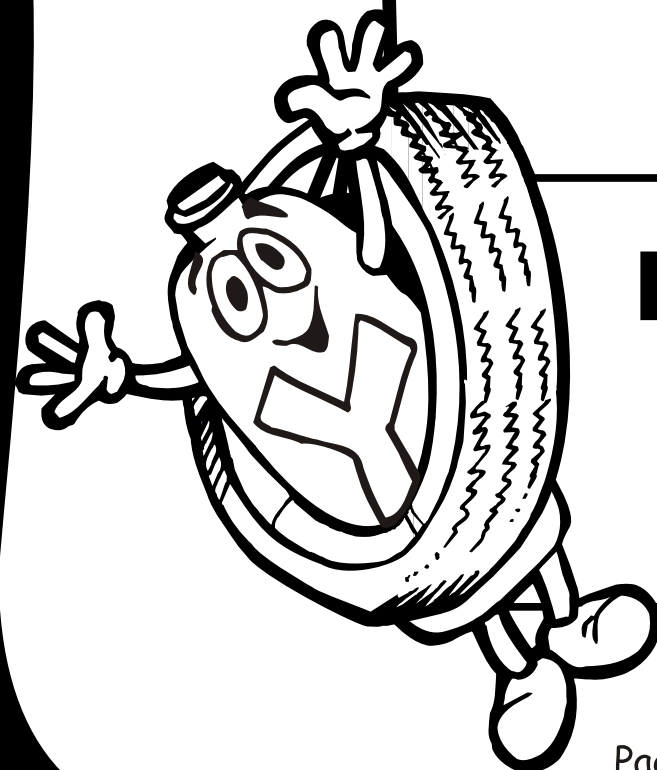
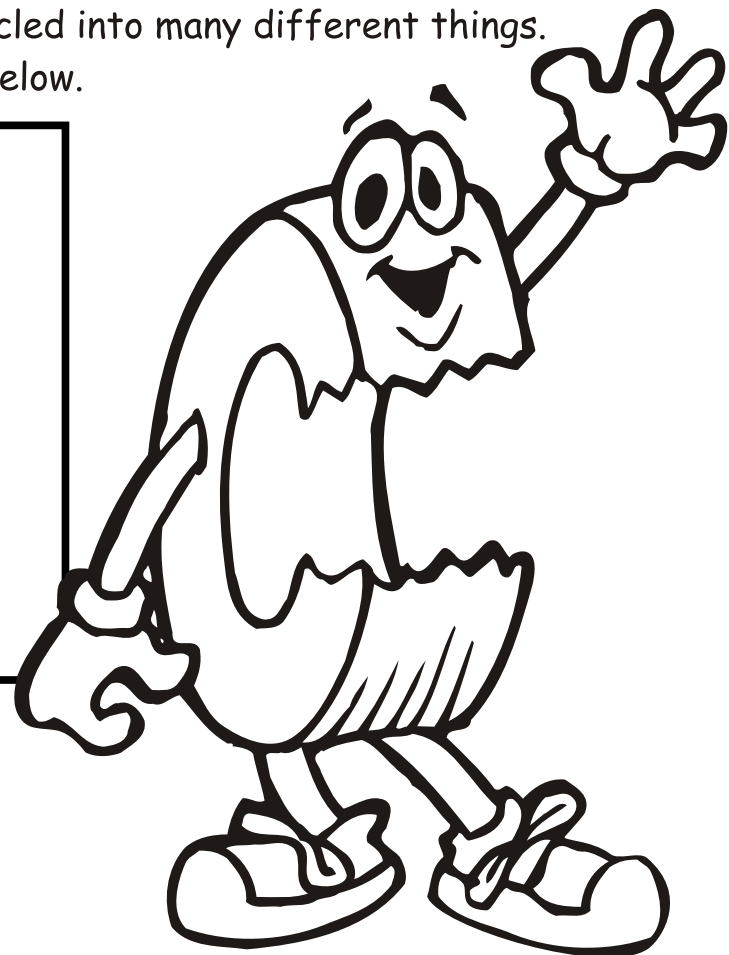
Recycled items:	Things that are made:
Steel	Bikes, nails, cars & other things
Glass	Jars, tiles & other things
Plastic	Soda bottles, tables, carpet, shoes, clothes & other things
Newspaper & cardboard	Pens, pencils, paper, cereal boxes & other things



Recycle Used Tires!

Old used tires can be recycled into many different things.
A few of them are listed below.

-  Bulletin boards
-  Floor mats
-  Playground mulch
-  Soaker hoses
-  Shoe soles

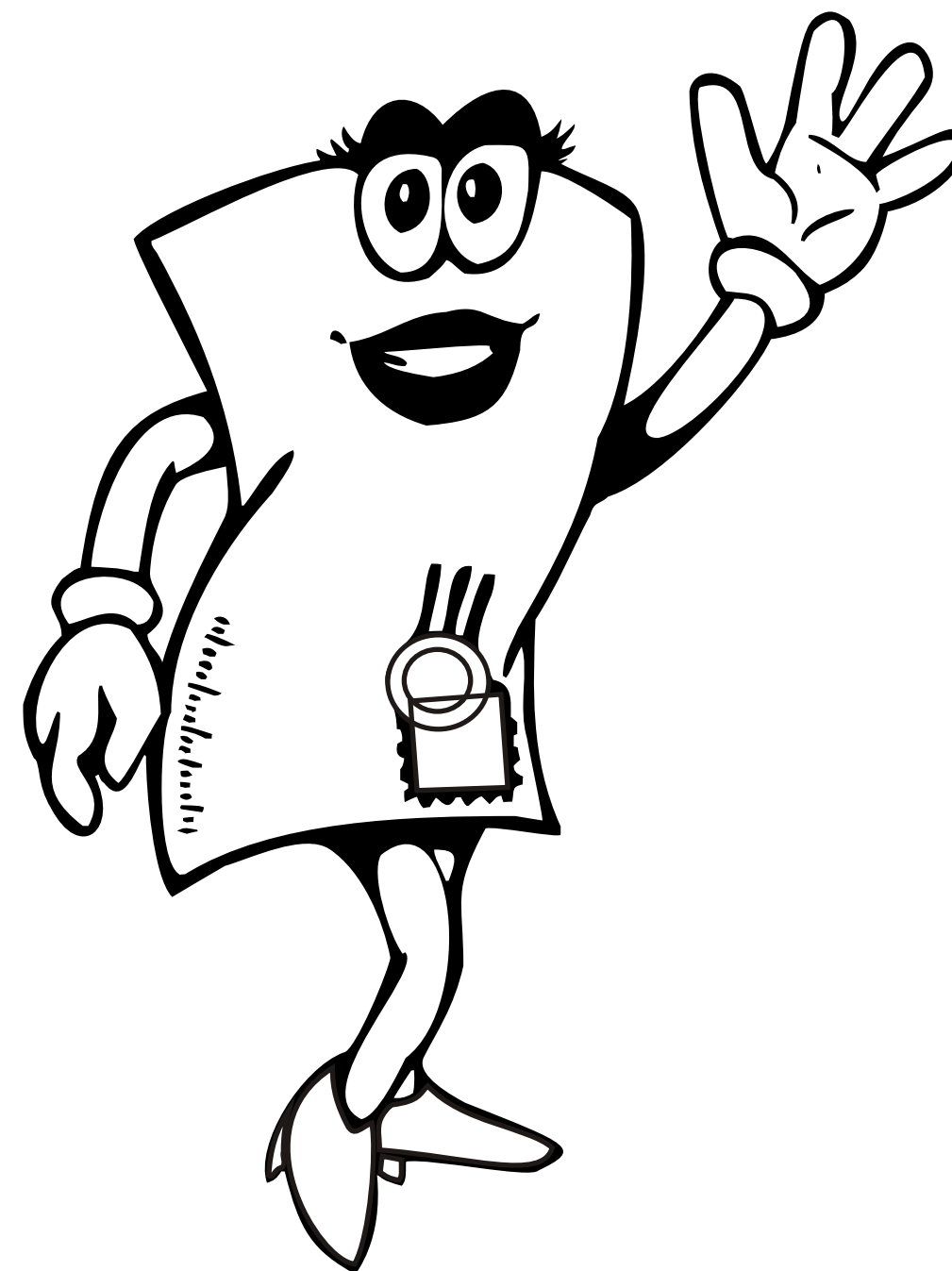


Reuse Tires, Too!

You also can reuse old tires as
playground equipment!

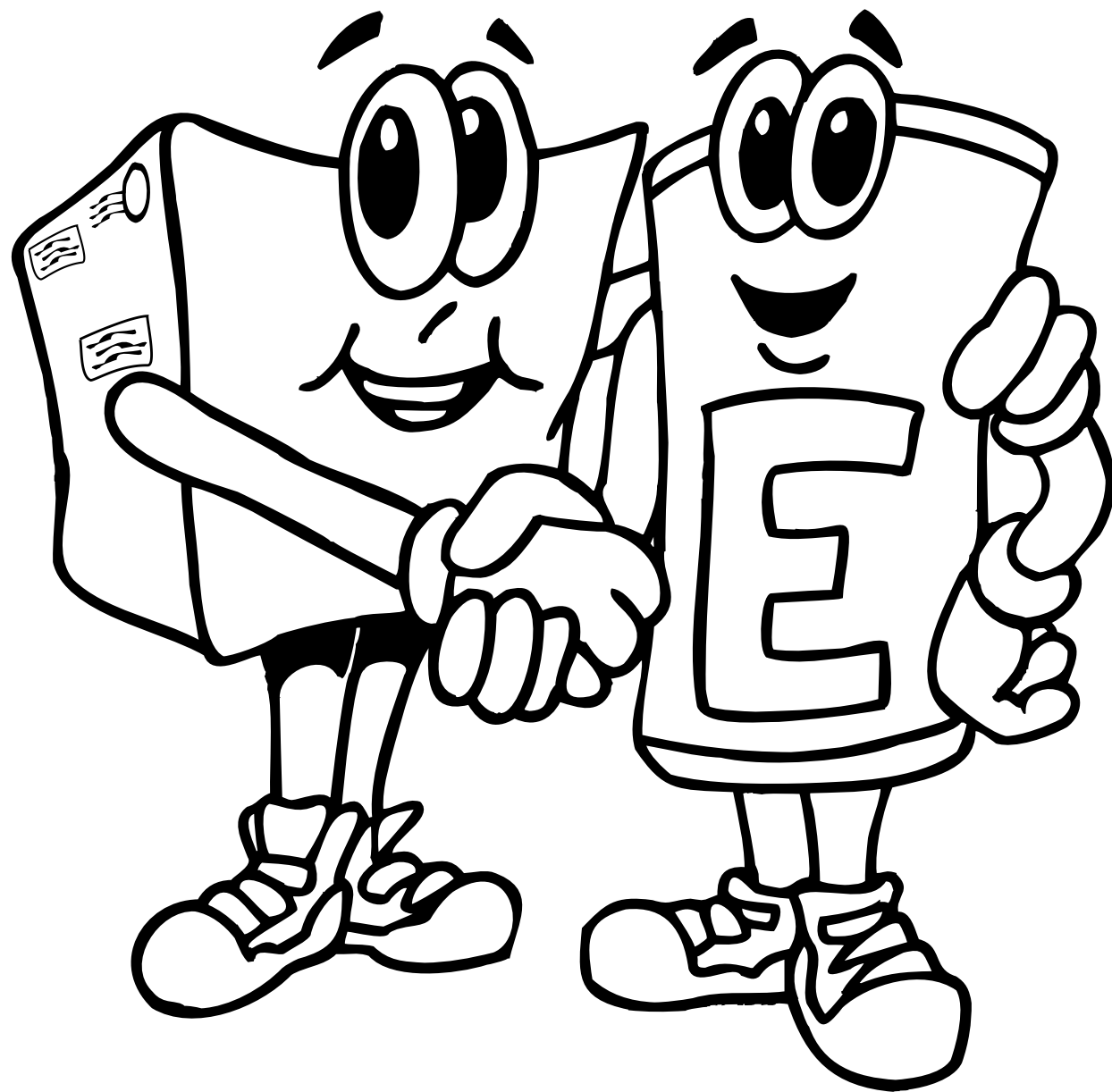
Recycling Fact

In South Carolina, the U.S. Postal Service uses re-refined oil,
recycled tires and recycled batteries in each of its 1,800-plus
vehicles.



Recycling Partners!

The Recycle Guys have formed many partnerships to promote recycling. One of their partners is the United States Postal Service, Greater S.C. Cluster.



Composting: Nature's Way to Recycle

You can recycle organic materials (fruit and vegetable peels, food scraps, lawn clippings, leaves, etc.) in your own composting bin! In a few months, you can use the compost as fertilizer to help plants grow.



Become a Green Rider!

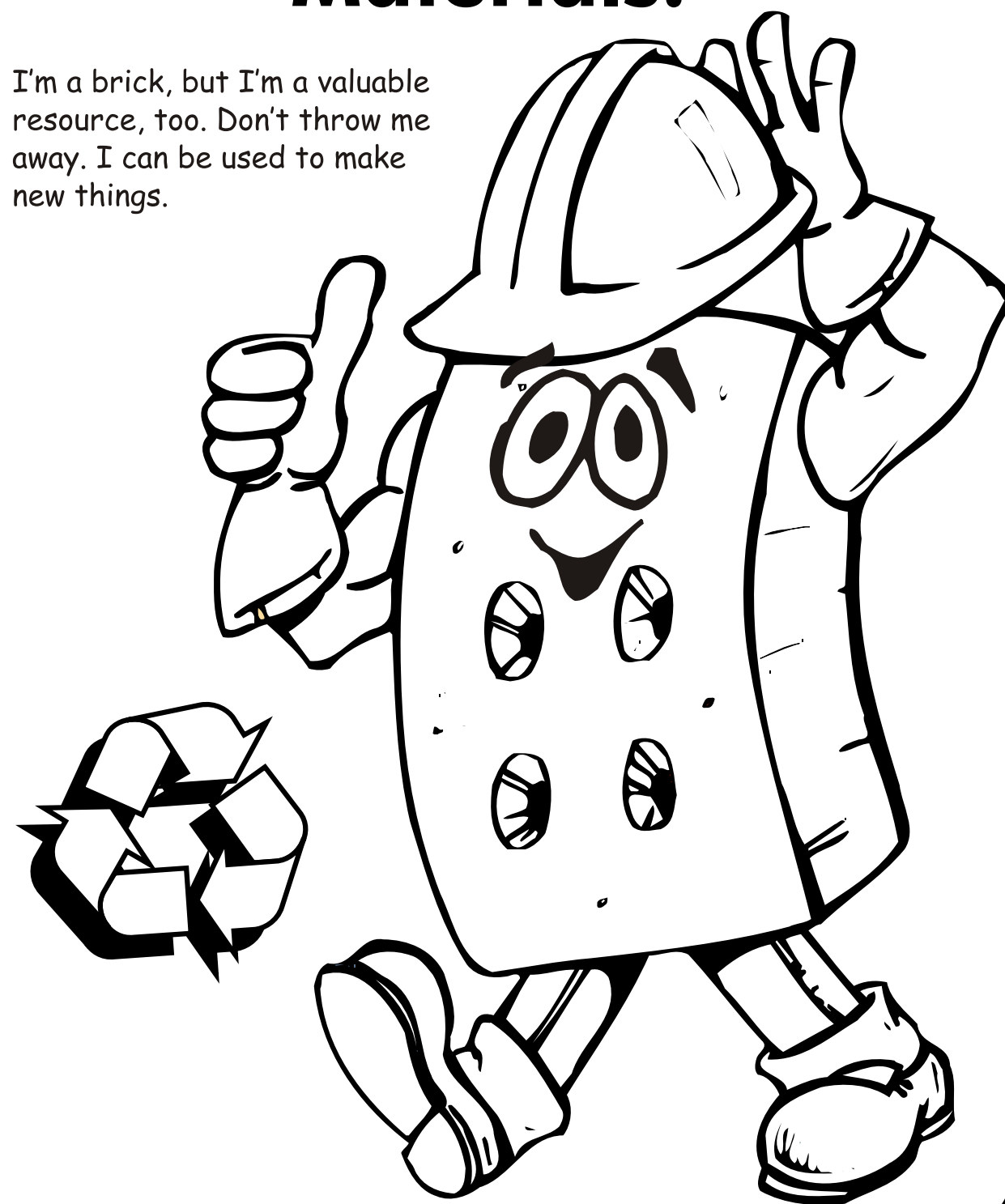
Take good care of your car. Proper maintenance, like changing your oil regularly, helps your car last longer and reduces air pollution. Recycle your used motor oil. It's the law!



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Recycle Building Materials!

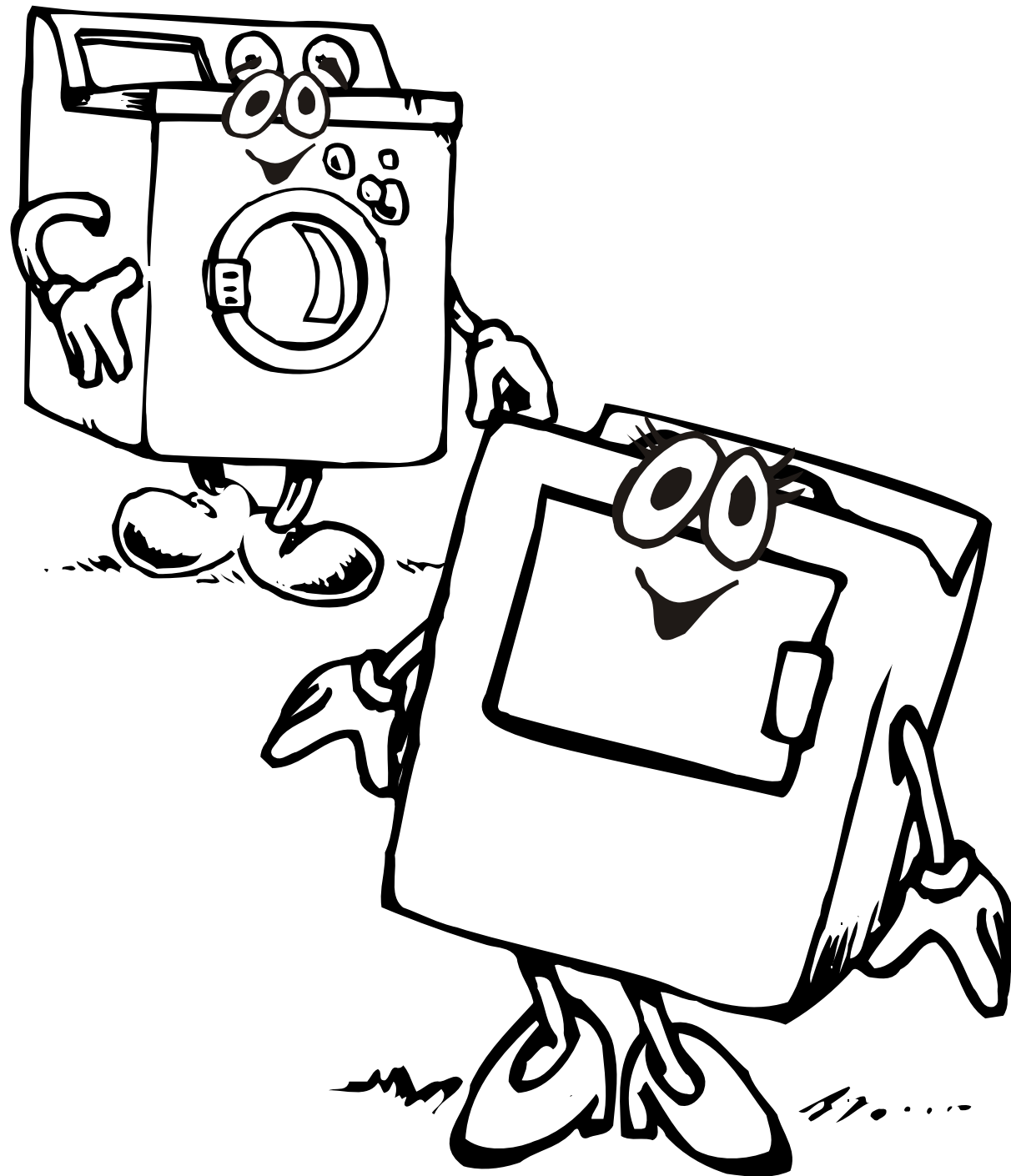
I'm a brick, but I'm a valuable resource, too. Don't throw me away. I can be used to make new things.



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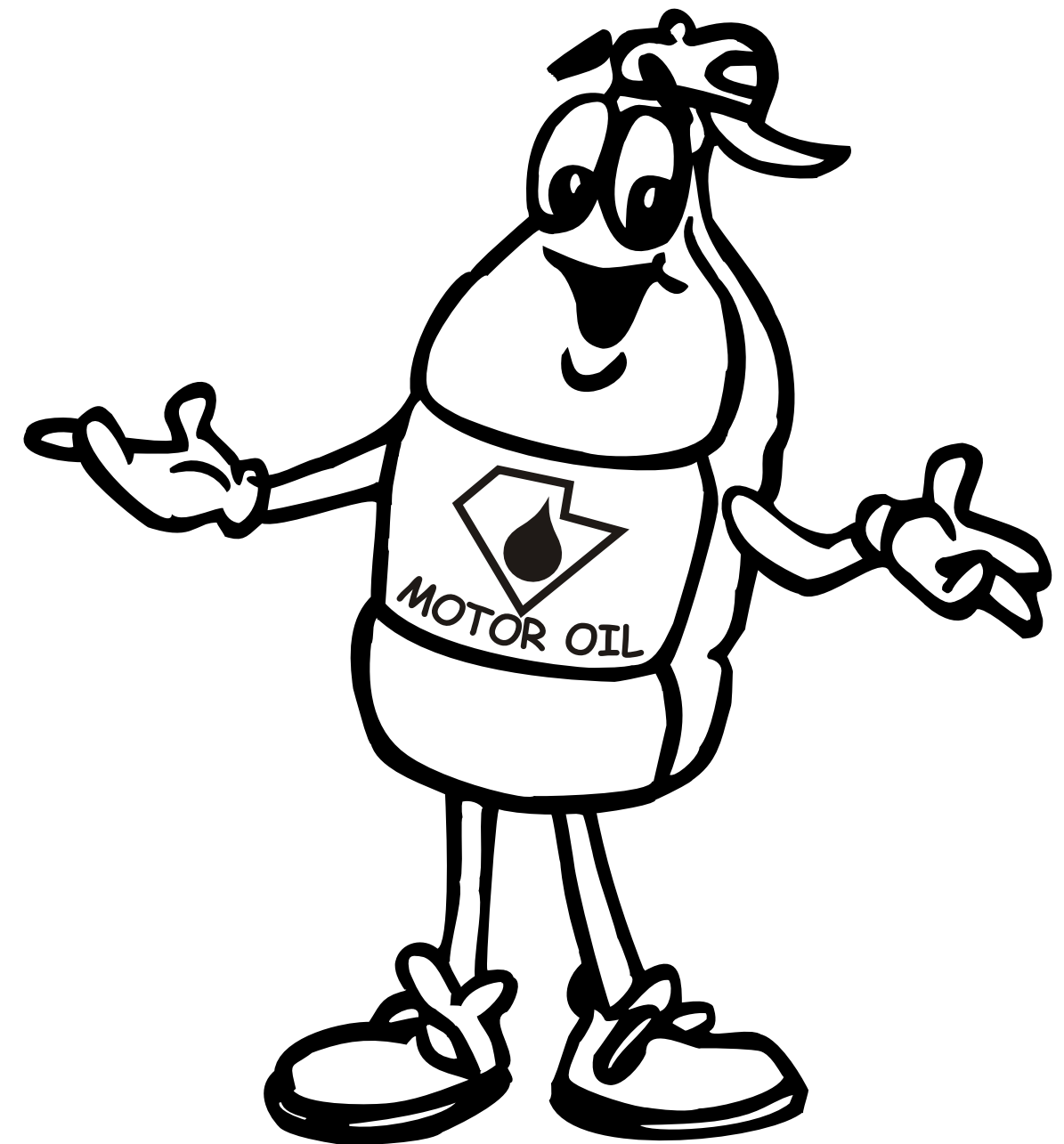
Recycle Scrap Metals!

Old household appliances can be recycled, too.



Recycle Used Oil!

Recycling used oil conserves a limited resource and protects wildlife and marine life.



It's the Law!

It's now the law in South Carolina to recycle all car batteries and used motor oil. If your parents have any questions, have them contact your county recycling coordinator or call

1-800-768-7348.



Learn More About Recycling!

DHEC's Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling wants to show your teacher more about recycling and protecting the environment. Ask your teacher to get our interactive CD-ROM, "Action for a cleaner tomorrow." It's full of environmental lessons, videos and other teaching resources.

